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Honorary Appointment - General Division - August 2022 (3)

The Governor-General is pleased to announce the following appointment:

HONORARY MEMBER (AM) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

Dr Patricia Moira MOORE

Hawthorn VIC 3122 For significant service to women's reproductive health in Australia.

By His Excellency's command

Paul Singer MVO

Official Secretary to the Governor-General

APPOINTED AN HONORARY MEMBER (AM)

IN THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Dr Patricia Moira MOORE, Hawthorn VIC 3122

For significant service to women's reproductive health in Australia.

Dr Patricia Moore is one of Australia's leading experts in women's health. A gynaecologist and obstetrician by training, she has spent more than three decades working tirelessly to improve health services and access to care for women and girls.

Dr Moore heads the Early Pregnancy Service and Abortion and Contraception Service at The Royal Women's Hospital - the largest provider of public women's health services in Australia, and the biggest public provider of abortion services in Victoria.

She also leads the state-wide Clinical Champions project, training clinicians across Victoria to support access and availability of abortion and contraceptive services – ensuring women and girls can exercise their reproductive rights and control their fertility choices.

Dr Moore has also been responsible for establishing and running antenatal, postnatal and gynaecological services for women with complex needs including young mothers, women with intellectual and physical disabilities, survivors of sexual assault, and women experiencing drug dependency and psychiatric comorbidity.

Dr Moore has successfully developed models to decentralise provision of abortion care in Victoria. By increasing the capacity of local doctors to provide medical abortions and contraception services, and regional and metropolitan hospitals to provide surgical abortions, women are no longer forced to travel long distances and bear the associated costs and inconvenience of doing so. Removing these barriers to legal, safe health procedures is supporting women to exercise their reproductive rights. This is vital for all women, and particularly those women in vulnerable circumstances and, in 2020, Dr Moore's service was recognised by her induction into the Victorian Honor Roll of Women.

Dr Moore's dedication to supporting the health and the rights of women and girls, and her passion for sharing her knowledge through the mentoring and upskilling of medical practitioners across Victoria, is worthy of formal national recognition with an appointment as an Honorary Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM).